

**Life and Death –**  
What do Christian and Humanist funerals tell us about their beliefs?



**Religious Studies**  
*Our goal in Religious Studies is to help students to develop and demonstrate the Highsted values, both within the school community and beyond!*

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Is belief in the afterlife the most important belief?  
Is abortion always wrong?  
Ethics-

**Christianity-**  
Will there ever be gender equality in the Church?  
Will same-sex relationships ever be accepted in the Church?



**Religious Studies is not only about religion!**  
Throughout the GCSE course we also consider non-religious beliefs, such as those held by Humanists



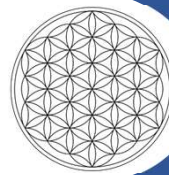
Islam - Debates  
Should the burka be banned in Britain?  
Is Muhammad the most important prophet?

**Christianity-**  
Should Britain still be classed as Christian?  
Why might Christians interpret the creation story in different ways?

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*We do not shy away from controversial issues! We learn how to consider views that we might not share with others*



Should happiness be the purpose of life?  
Ethics-

**Buddhism**  
Is it possible to follow the dharma in modern society?  
How can you make complicated concepts simple for children to understand?



*In Religious Studies you will enhance skills such as effective extended writing and analysing evidence*



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Jesus  
Was Jesus just an ordinary man?

**Judaism**  
Ethics – Are Jewish food laws outdated or irrelevant?  
Exploration- Is religion a power for peace or Power?

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*Throughout the course you gain a greater insight into the six main religions, along with non-religious views*



Ethics – Is death the end?  
Does it matter?

**Sikhism**      **Hinduism**  
What is good and what is challenging about being a teenage Sikh in Britain today?      How can people express the Spiritual through the arts?



*We start the course by exploring the role that religion can play in the identity of an individual and Britain*



Sikhism  
Should the Kirpan be banned in public?

**Exploration**      **Identity**  
Do we need to prove that God exists?      Is religion an important aspect of Britain's identity?

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